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In this Aug. 18, 2021, file photo, a poster honoring medical and frontline workers, hangs on a nursing station of an intensive care unit, at the Willis-Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport, La.

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In this Aug. 17, 2021, file photo, an ICU nurse, moves electrical cords for medical machines, outside the room of a patient suffering from COVID-19, in an intensive care unit at the Willis-Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport, La.

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By **HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH** and **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**

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The COVID-19 pandemic has created a nurse staffing crisis that is forcing many U.S. hospitals to pay top dollar to get the help they need to handle the crush of patients this summer.

The problem, health leaders say, is twofold: Nurses are quitting or retiring, exhausted or demoralized by the crisis. And many are leaving for lucrative temporary jobs with traveling-

nurse agencies that can pay \$5,000 or more a week. It's gotten to the point where doctors are saying, "Maybe I should quit being a doctor and go be a nurse," said Dr. Phillip Coule, chief medical officer at Georgia's Augusta University Medical Center, which has on occasion seen 20 to 30 resignations in a week from nurses taking traveling jobs.

The average pay for a traveling nurse has soared from roughly \$1,000 to \$2,000 per week before the pandemic to \$3,000 to \$5,000 now, said Sophia Morris, a vice president at San Diego-based health care staffing firm Aya Healthcare. She said Aya has 48,000 openings for traveling nurses to fill.

At competitor SimpliFi, President James Quick said the hospitals his company works with are seeing unprecedented levels of vacancies.

"Small to medium-sized hospitals generally have dozens of full-time openings, and the large health systems have hundreds of full-time openings," he said. The explosion in pay has made it hard on hospitals without deep enough pockets.

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly lamented recently that the state's hospitals risk being outbid for nurses by other states that pay a "fortune." She said Wednesday that several hospitals, including one in Topeka, had open beds but no nurses to staff them.

In Kansas City, Missouri, Truman Medical Centers has lost about 10 nurses to travel jobs in recent days and is looking for travelers to replace them, said CEO Charlie Shields.

He said it is hard to compete with the travel agen-

cies, which are charging hospitals \$165 to \$170 an hour per nurse. He said the agencies take a big cut of that, but he estimated that nurses are still clearing \$70 to \$90 an hour, which is two to three times what the hospital pays its staff nurses. "I think clearly people are taking advantage of the demand that is out there," Shields said. "I hate to use 'gouged' as a description, but we are clearly paying a premium and allowing people to have fairly high profit margins."

In Texas, more than 6,000 travel nurses have flooded the state to help with the surge through a state-supported program. But on the same day that 19 of them went to work at a hospital in the northern part of the state, 20 other nurses at the same place gave notice that they would be leaving for a traveling contract, said Carrie Kroll, a vice president at the Texas Hospital Association.

"The nurses who haven't left, who have stayed with their facilities, they are seeing these other people come in now who are making more money. It provides a tense working environment," Kroll said.

The pandemic was in its early stages when Kim Davis, 36, decided to quit her job at an Arkansas hospital and become a travel nurse. She said she has roughly doubled her income in the 14 months that she has been treating patients in intensive care units in Phoenix; San Bernardino, California; and Tampa, Florida.

"Since I've been traveling, I've paid off all my debt. I paid off about \$50,000 in student loans," she said.

Davis said many of her colleagues are following the same path. □

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Democrats promote Cheney to vice chairwoman of Jan. 6 panel

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) —

House Democrats have promoted Republican Rep. Liz Cheney to vice chairwoman of a committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection, placing her in a leadership spot on the panel as some Republicans are threatening to oust her from the GOP conference for participating.

Cheney, a fierce critic of former President Donald Trump, has remained defiant amid the criticism from her own party, insisting that Congress must probe the Capitol attack, in which hundreds of Trump's supporters violently pushed past police, broke into the building and interrupted the certification of Joe Biden's presidential election victory.

"We owe it to the American people to investigate everything that led up to, and transpired on, January 6th," Cheney, R-Wyo., said in a statement as Democrats announced her promotion on Thursday. "We will not be deterred by threats or attempted obstruction and we will not rest until our task is complete."

Cheney's appointment as vice chairwoman comes amid an effort by some Republicans to oust Cheney and Rep. Adam Kinzinger of Illinois from the GOP conference because they accepted their appointments to the panel from House



In this July 27, 2021 file photo, Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wy., listens to testimony from Washington Metropolitan Police Department Officer Daniel Hodges during the House select committee hearing on the Jan. 6 attack on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Speaker Nancy Pelosi. A draft letter by Arizona Rep. Andy Biggs to Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy obtained by The Associated Press calls Cheney and Kinzinger "two spies for the Democrats" whom Republicans cannot trust to attend their private meetings. Biggs, chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, is calling on the conference to change its rules to state that any Republican who accepts a committee assignment or serves on a committee without a recommendation from GOP leadership

"shall immediately cease to be a Member of the Conference." McCarthy's office did not respond to a request for comment about Biggs' proposal. Cheney, who was already booted from her position as GOP conference chairwoman earlier this year, has been undeterred by the criticism, despite serious primary challenges back home. The daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney has formed the unlikely alliance with Pelosi in what she has framed as an existential fight for the party and for democracy itself.

"Every member of this committee is dedicated to conducting a non-partisan, professional, and thorough investigation of all the relevant facts regarding January 6th and the threat to our Constitution we faced that day," Cheney said in the statement. "I have accepted the position of Vice Chair of the committee to assure that we achieve that goal." As the committee has met privately, Cheney has worked closely with Democrats in determining the direction of the probe. The committee's

chairman, Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, said in the statement announcing Cheney's appointment that Democrats are "fortunate to have a partner of such strength and courage" and that Cheney's insights have shaped the early work of the panel.

Cheney "has demonstrated again and again her commitment to getting answers about January 6th, ensuring accountability, and doing whatever it takes to protect democracy for the American people," Thompson said.

The vice chair position, usually reserved for a member of the Democratic majority, gives Cheney a top role on the panel after McCarthy decided not to appoint any of his members to the committee. McCarthy pulled all five Republicans he had chosen after Pelosi rejected two of them, and he has harshly criticized Cheney and Kinzinger for participating at her request.

The committee's work is just getting started and could last months or years. Thompson issued broad requests for information last week to law enforcement agencies and social media companies about the planning of the insurrection, and this week he asked technology and telecommunications platforms to preserve personal communications surrounding the attack. □

NHTSA: Traffic deaths rise again as drivers take risks

The Associated Press

U.S. traffic deaths in the first quarter of 2021 rose by 10.5% over last year, even as driving has declined, the government's road safety agency reported Thursday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimated that 8,730 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes from January through March, compared with the 7,900 fatalities from the same period

in 2020.

The increase in traffic fatalities is a continuation of a trend that started in 2020. In June, the NHTSA reported that traffic deaths rose 7% last year to 38,680, the most since 2007. That increase came even as the number of miles traveled by vehicle fell 13% from 2019 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The NHTSA said drivers continue to exhibit risky behavior on the roads,

including speeding, not wearing seat belts, and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Preliminary data from the Federal Highway Administration shows that vehicle miles traveled fell 2.1% — roughly 14.9 billion miles — in the first three months of 2021. The agency estimates that there were 1.26 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in the first quarter this year, compared to a rate of



In this March 31, 2021 file photo, traffic flows along Interstate 90 highway as a Metra suburban commuter train moves along an elevated track in Chicago.

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1.12 deaths for the same period in 2020.

Neither the data from 2020 nor 2021 is final. □

Death toll tops 30 after Ida's remnants blindside Northeast

By **BOBBY CAINA CALVAN, DAVID PORTER and JENNIFER PELTZ**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A stunned U.S. East Coast faced a rising death toll, surging rivers, tornado damage and continuing calls for rescue Thursday after the remnants of Hurricane Ida walloped the region with record-breaking rain, drowning more than two dozen people in their homes and cars.

In a region that had been warned about potentially deadly flash flooding but hadn't braced for such a blow from the no-longer-hurricane, the storm killed at least 32 people from Maryland to New York on Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

At least 12 people died in New York City, police said, one of them in a car and 11 in flooded basement apartments that often serve as relatively affordable homes in one of the nation's most expensive housing markets. Suburban Westchester County reported three deaths. Officials said at least 10 people died in New Jersey and at least five in Pennsylvania, including one killed by a falling tree and another who drowned in his car after helping his wife to escape, according to authorities. A Connecticut state police sergeant perished after his cruiser was swept away.

In New York City, Sophy Liu roused her son from bed and put him in a life jacket and inflatable swimming ring as their first-floor apartment flooded in Queens. Unable to open the door against the force of the water, she called friends for help. The water was nearly 5 feet (1.5 meters) high when they came to her rescue, she said.

"I was obviously scared, but I had to be strong for my son. I had to calm him down," she recalled Thursday as medical examiners removed three bodies from a home down the street.

In another part of Queens, water rapidly filled Deborah Torres' first-floor apartment to her knees as her



Vehicles are under water during flooding in Philadelphia, Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 in the aftermath of downpours and high winds from the remnants of Hurricane Ida that hit the area.

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landlord frantically urged her neighbors below — who included a baby — to get out, she said. But the water rushed in so strongly that she surmised they weren't able to open the door. The three residents died.

"I have no words," she said. "How can something like this happen?"

Ida's remnants maintained a soggy core, then merged with a more traditional storm front and dropped an onslaught of rain on the Interstate 95 corridor, meteorologists said. Similar weather has followed hurricanes before, but experts said it was slightly exacerbated by climate change — warmer air holds more rain — and urban settings, where expansive pavement prevents water from seeping into the ground.

The National Hurricane Center had warned since Tuesday of the potential for "significant and life-threatening flash flooding" and moderate and major river flooding in the mid-Atlantic region and New England. Still, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said the storm's strength took them by surprise.

"We did not know that between 8:50 and 9:50 p.m. last night, that the heavens would literally open up and bring Niagara Falls level of water to the streets of New

York," said Hochul, a Democrat who became governor last week after former Gov. Andrew Cuomo resigned.

De Blasio, also a Democrat, said he'd gotten a forecast Wednesday of 3 to 6 inches (7.5 to 15 cm) of rain over the course of the day. The city's Central Park ended up getting 3.15 inches just in one hour, surpassing the previous recorded high of 1.94 inches (5 cm) in one hour during Tropical Storm Henri on Aug. 21.

Wednesday's storm ultimately dumped over 9 inches (23 cm) of rain in parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and nearly as much on New York City's Staten Island. In Washington, President Joe Biden assured Northeast residents that federal first responders were on the ground to help clean up.

As Ida's remnants hit New York, some highways flooded, garbage bobbed in streaming streets and water cascaded into the city's subway tunnels, trapping at least 17 trains and halting service until early morning. Videos online showed riders standing on seats in swamped cars. All riders were evacuated safely, officials said.

At one Queens development, water filled the sunken patio of a basement

apartment, then broke through a glass door, trapping a 48-year-old woman in 6 feet (2 meters) of water. Neighbors unsuccessfully tried for an hour to save her.

"She was screaming, 'Help me, help me, help me!' We all came to her aid, trying to get her out. But it was so strong — the thrust of the water was so strong," said the building's assistant superintendent, Jayson Jordan. In Elizabeth, New Jersey, near Newark Airport, four people died and 600 were left homeless from rain and river flooding in an apartment complex, Mayor J. Christian Bollwage said.

Neighbors described hearing screaming from the complex at about 11 p.m. as water flowed down the street, pushing dumpsters and cars around.

"Sandy had nothing on this," resident Jennifer Vilchez said, referring to 2012's Superstorm Sandy.

Greg Turner, who lives in another part of the city, said his 87-year-old mother started calling 911 from the complex at 8 p.m. when the water started rising in her apartment. High water kept him and his brother from getting to her.

As midnight approached, the water reached her neck, he said. Rescuers finally cut through the floor of the apartment above

and pulled her to safety.

"She lost everything," Turner said as he headed to a bank for money to buy his mother clothes and shoes. In New Jersey's Milford Borough, authorities said they found a man's body in a car buried up to its hood in dirt and rocks.

The ferocious storm also spawned tornadoes — at least seven, according to the National Weather Service. One split trees on Cape Cod, another tore off part of a high school roof in suburban Philadelphia and yet another ripped apart homes and toppled silos in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, south of Philadelphia.

"It just came through and ripped," said resident Jeanine Zubrzycki, 33, who hid in her basement with her three children as the house shook and lights flickered. When the danger passed, they went upstairs and saw a neighbor's house had been destroyed.

"And then you could just hear people crying," said Zubrzycki, 33, whose own home was damaged but liveable.

Record flooding along the Schuylkill River in Pennsylvania inundated homes, highways and commercial buildings, even as meteorologists warned that rivers likely won't crest for a few more days. The riverside community of Manayunk remained largely under water.

The Schuylkill reached levels not seen in over 100 years in Philadelphia, where firefighters were still getting calls about minor building collapses and people stuck in flooded cars Thursday morning, Fire Commissioner Adam Thiel said. The managers of a 941-unit apartment complex near the river ordered residents to evacuate, citing "deteriorating" conditions after water rushed into the parking garage and pool areas.

In suburban Bucks County, several firefighters had to be rescued after rushing floodwaters pinned a rescue boat against a bridge pier, state emergency management director Randy Padfield said. □

EU pushes for more autonomy amid Afghanistan fallout

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**

Associated Press

BRDO CASTLE, Slovenia (AP)

— Still reeling from the European Union's shortcomings in Afghanistan, officials from the 27-nation bloc on Thursday discussed ways to improve their response to future crises and not be so reliant on the U.S.

"Afghanistan has shown that the deficiency in our strategic autonomy comes with a price," EU top diplomat Josep Borrell said following talks with defense ministers that also involved NATO and UN officials. "And that the only way forward is to combine our forces and to strengthen not only our capacity, but also our will to act."

European ministers of defense and foreign affairs gathered in Slovenia to look at ways to improve the bloc's operational engagement and develop a rapid response force capable of operating in difficult military theaters.

They also discussed plans for the so-called strategic compass, a document aiming at harmonizing crisis management and defining



European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, left, speaks with Dutch Defense Ank Bijleveld prior to a group photo at a meeting of EU defense ministers at the Brdo Congress Center in Kranj, Slovenia, Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021.

defense ambitions for the bloc that is expected to be drafted before the end of the year.

One EU official with direct knowledge of the ministerial discussions said there was a general consensus to acknowledge the "fiasco" that followed the withdrawal of Western troops from Afghanistan.

The Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan and the

rushed airlift operation that followed the U.S. decision to pull out from the country have laid bare the EU's dependency on its ally. Without American support, European countries wouldn't have been able to guarantee the safe passage of their citizens or even their troops out of the war-torn country.

"The strategic situation, the geostrategic changes,

show that now we need a stronger Europe," said Claudio Graziano, the chairman of the EU military committee. "The situation in Afghanistan, Libya, Middle East, Sahel, show that now it's the time to act starting with the creation of a rapid European entry force able to show the will of the European Union to act as a global strategic partner. When if not now,

later would be late."

But finding a consensus among the 27 EU member states to create such a standby EU force of around 5,000 troops is not an easy task.

European countries on the border with Russia often oppose the idea of autonomy, for instance Poland and the Baltic nations. EU heavyweight Germany is also a strong supporter of using NATO for security operations and keeping the U.S. defense umbrella in Europe.

"We don't have yet a complete unanimity, I would be lying to you if today everybody agreed on that explicitly," Borrell said.

Borrell said that in light of the disengagement of the U.S. on the international scene, the EU has no other option than to increase its capacity to act independently. "It's nothing against NATO, it's nothing against the EU-US alliance, it's a way of becoming stronger, facing our responsibilities and mobilizing the resources in order to face the challenges that we will have to face," he said. □

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Study: Dust near Dutch steel plant 'undesirable' for youths

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — The future of steel

production at a sprawling plant west of Amsterdam was called into question Thursday after an investigation found elevated levels of lead and other deposits in dust falling in nearby residential areas.

The investigation by the government's Public Health and Environment Institute, known by its acronym RIVM, focused on dust found in towns and villages near the sprawling Tata Steel factory on the North Sea coast near the Dutch capital.

"Exposure to the amounts of lead and PAH in the dust in the IJmond (region) is undesirable for the health of children," the institute said in a statement referring to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAH.

The study said that levels of metals including iron and chrome as well as PAH measured outdoors were between 20 and 100 times higher than outside the region, with the highest levels found at the seaside village of Wijk aan Zee.

In a written reaction, Tata Steel said it "takes the RIVM report very seriously. We understand that local residents and especially the residents of Wijk aan Zee are concerned about their health and that of their children as a result of this report and we share this concern."

Deputy Jeroen Olthof from the North Holland provincial government said measures have to be taken urgently to reduce the emissions.

"The RIVM investigation leaves nothing to be de-

sired in terms of clarity. It does not reassure us," Olthof said in a statement. "Can the steel industry in the IJmond still exist? As far as I'm concerned, only if the adverse effects on health and the living environment are reduced as quickly and as much as possible."

Residents near the Tata Steel plant have long voiced health concerns linked to dust produced by the production.

Earlier this year, the company said it would accelerate a package of measures aimed at slashing emissions from its site in the village of IJmuiden.

At the time, Hans van den Berg, Chairman of the Board of Tata Steel Netherlands, said: "We take our neighbors' concerns very seriously."

For the study published Thursday, researchers from the RIVM measured dust three times in villages around Tata Steel at 29 outdoor locations and 12 indoors. They also carried out measurements outside the region as comparison. Lawmakers in the Dutch

parliament are set to hold a debate next week about the Tata Steel plant. Steel making in the village of IJmuiden dates back to 1918. The plant was acquired in 2007 by Tata Steel, one of Europe's biggest steel producers. □



In this Tuesday Dec. 4, 2018, file photo, the Tata Steel factory is seen at dusk in IJmuiden, Netherlands.

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U.S. senators warn against Iranian fuel shipments to Lebanon

By **BASSEM MROUE**
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — A delegation of four U.S. senators said Wednesday that America is looking to help Lebanon overcome fuel shortages that have paralyzed the country. But they warned the import of Iranian oil into the crisis-hit country could have “severely damaging consequences.”

The Democratic senators pushed for the immediate formation of a Lebanese government that can begin urgent reforms. They also vowed support for Lebanon’s U.S.-backed army. The troops saw their salaries lose more than 90% of their value amid a crash in Lebanon’s pound in the economic meltdown that began nearly two years ago.

“It is inexcusable that in the middle of this life-threatening crisis, the political leaders in Lebanon have refused to make the tough choices in order to form a government,” Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut told reporters at the end of the two-day visit. He said Leba-



In this photo released by Lebanese government, Lebanese President Michel Aoun, third left, meets with Sen. Chris Murphy, D-C.T., second left, Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., left, Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-C.T., third right, Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga., second right, and U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Dorothy Shea at the presidential palace, in Baabda, east of Beirut, Lebanon, Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021.

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non needs a government that can negotiate with the International Monetary Fund and start reforms to reduce corruption that is widespread in the Mediterranean nation.

During a visit that included

meetings with Lebanon’s president, parliament speaker and prime minister-designate, the American lawmakers said they received promises that a new government will be formed before the end of

the week.

The visit to Lebanon came two weeks after the leader of the Iran-backed militant Hezbollah group said that an Iranian fuel tanker has sailed toward Lebanon, and that others will follow

to help ease the fuel shortages.

The delivery, organized by Hezbollah, would violate U.S. sanctions imposed on Tehran after former President Donald Trump pulled America out of a nuclear deal between Iran and world powers in 2018.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut blasted Hezbollah as a “malignant cancerous terrorist organization” adding that they have heard “very troublingly about maligned Iranian influence particularly in providing fuel.”

Blumenthal added that there is no reason for Lebanon to depend on Iran because there are plenty of “other sources of fuel without the potential severely damaging consequences of reliance on Iranian oil.”

Lebanon has been without a fully functioning government since Aug. 10, 2020, when Prime Minister Hassan Diab’s Cabinet resigned days after a massive blast at Beirut’s port that killed at least 214 people, wounded about 6,000 and damaged entire neighborhoods. □

China bans men it sees as not masculine enough from TV

By **JOE McDONALD**
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China’s government banned effeminate men on TV and told broadcasters Thursday to promote “revolutionary culture,” broadening a campaign to tighten control over business and society and enforce official morality.

President Xi Jinping has called for a “national rejuvenation,” with tighter Communist Party control of business, education, culture and religion. Companies and the public are under increasing pressure to align with its vision for a more powerful China and healthier society.

The party has reduced children’s access to online games and is trying to discourage what it sees as unhealthy attention to celebrities.

Broadcasters must “resolutely put an end to sissy men and other abnormal aesthetics,” the TV regulator said, using an insulting slang term for effeminate men “niang pao,” or literally, “girlie guys.”

That reflects official concern that Chinese pop stars, influenced by the sleek, girlish look of some South Korean and Japanese singers and actors, are failing to encourage China’s young men to be masculine enough.

Broadcasters should avoid promoting “vulgar internet celebrities” and admiration of wealth and celebrity, the regulator said. Instead, programs should “vigorously promote excellent Chinese traditional culture, revolutionary culture and advanced socialist culture.”

Xi’s government also is tightening control over Chi-

nese internet industries.

It has launched anti-monopoly, data security and other enforcement actions at companies including games and social media provider Tencent Holding and e-commerce giant Al-

ibaba Group that the ruling party worries are too big and independent.

Rules that took effect Wednesday limit anyone under 18 to three hours per week of online games and prohibit play on school

days.

Game developers already were required to submit new titles for government approval before they could be released. Officials have called on them to add nationalistic themes.

The party also is tightening control over celebrities.

Broadcasters should avoid performers who “violate public order” or have “lost morality,” the regulator said. Programs about the children of celebrities also are banned.

On Saturday, microblog platform Weibo Corp. suspended thousands of accounts for fan clubs and entertainment news.

A popular actress, Zhao Wei, has disappeared from streaming platforms without explanation. Her name has been removed from credits of movies and TV programs. □



In this June 4, 2021, file photo, a television shows a broadcast of a Chinese talk show program as it sits beneath a photo of Chinese President Xi Jinping in a home converted into a tourist homestay in Zhaxigang village near Nyingchi in western China’s Tibet Autonomous Region.

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Groups: Both sides used starvation as tool in Yemen war

By **SAMY MAGDY**
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Two human rights groups Wednesday accused both sides in Yemen's conflict of using starvation as a tactic of war. They urged the U.N. Security Council to refer the opposing participants to the International Criminal Court to investigate alleged crimes.

In a sweeping 275-page report, the Yemen-based Mwatana Organization for Human Rights and another group, Global Rights Compliance, said they documented airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition that hit farms, water facilities and small fishing boats during fighting with the Iran-



In this Aug. 25, 2019 file photo, workers carry food supplies provided by the World Food Programme for distribution, in Sanaa, Yemen.

backed Houthi rebels.

The report also document-

ed the Houthis' restrictions on humanitarian activities,

which deprived civilians in areas under their control of

"indispensable aid, including food." It also documented the rebels' widespread and indiscriminate use of land mines, which have killed and maimed shepherds and their livestock and prevented farmers from accessing agricultural land, according to the report. The civil war in Yemen erupted in 2014, when the Houthis swept across much of the north and seized the capital, Sanaa, forcing the internationally recognized government of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi into exile. The following year, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states formed a coalition and entered the war on the side of Hadi's government. □

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Mexico president says containing migrants not enough

By **MARCO UGARTE and FABIOLA SÁNCHEZ**

Associated Press

HUIXTLA, Mexico (AP) — Mexico President Andrés Manuel López Obrador expressed frustration with a strategy of containing migrants in the south on Thurs-

day and said he would write to U.S. President Joe Biden to insist that country contribute to his favorite development projects in the region.

The president's comments came after days of groups of 200 to 300 migrants walk-

ing out of the southern city of Tapachula. Mexico's National Guard and immigration agents have broken up the groups and detained many, in some cases using force that drew heavy criticism. "We can't just be detaining; the causes must be addressed," López Obrador said during his daily news conference. "It's not advisable to just root the immigration plan in containment, it's shaky."

The Biden administration has expressed a willingness to address the root causes of migration, especially from Central America. Biden placed Vice President Kamala Harris in charge of the effort and she has visited Mexico and Guatemala to gather information. □



Haitian migrants walk along the highway in Huixtla, Chiapas state, Mexico, early Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, in their journey north toward the U.S.

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lenge Series 2021 championships.

The Aruba Boys U15 selection won the title of Sub Champion, the Aruba Girls U14 selection became

Champion in the international soccer competition. In front of the government building, on behalf of the government of Aruba, Prime Minister Evelyn Wever welcomed our athletes

and thanked them for putting in high place the name of Aruba in the world of sports.

Also present were Minister Dangui Oduber, Minister Xiomara Maduro, Ursell Arends and Raymond Kamperveen of the RAIZ political party, Darlaine Guedes Erasmus of the MEP political party, and Randolph Lacle, President of the Aruba Football Federation.

The Prime Minister ex-

pressed how proud she is of our athletes, especially since they were the most disciplined during their stay in the Dominican Republic. At the end of the ceremony, the athletes, outfitted in their beautiful uniforms, received a medal as an Ambassador of Aruba. The Government of Aruba, on behalf of the people of Aruba, congratulated and thanked our athletes for their achievement. □

COVID-19 measures effective as of September 2, 2021

ORANJESTAD – The Government of Aruba and the Crisis Team announced new measures effective as of September 2nd 2021. COVID-19.

The measures are as follows:

- Curfew: is now eliminated.
- Closing Time: 12:00 am
- Restaurants: Max. 6 people per table.
- Social Activities and Sports: Max. people: 90 indoors, 125 outdoors.
- Funerals: Max. people: 125 (if the space is adequately large enough)
- Area Ban 7:00 pm - 5:00 am
- Nightlife: Dancing is not permitted
- Entertainment: Max 5 musicians on stage.
- Gathering Ban: Max. 6 people.

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Testimonials

What better way to reinforce his words than sharing some of the amazing testimonials Aruba Living Today received from their clients. We made a selection for you because we lack space to publish them all.

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Debora Zywusko

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From fad to force, sustainable investing sweeps Wall Street

By **STAN CHOE**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sustainable investing has gone way past fad to become one of the steadiest forces on Wall Street.

Over the two years through July, month in and month out investors sent at least \$1.5 billion into funds that call themselves socially responsible or that use environmental, social and corporate-governance criteria to make their investments. That's a far cry from other U.S. stock funds, which have been rocked by titanic swings of interest. In two out of every three months during that period, more money flowed out of U.S. stock funds than came in, according to fund tracker EPFR.

It's the latest step in the evolution of so-called ESG investing, which has kept gaining in popularity despite once being dismissed as a mere niche. Some investors are choosing these funds because they want steadier returns in the future, while others simply want their portfolios to align closer with their values.

Of course, any boom brings in opportunists. Regulators have warned of some potentially misleading state-



In this June 16, 2021, file photo, the facade of the New York Stock Exchange. Sustainable investing has gone way past fad to become one of the steadiest forces on Wall Street.

Associated Press

ments, such as firms claiming to be ESG-driven but owning shares in companies with low ESG scores. It's reminiscent of how products along supermarket aisles get accused of "greenwashing," or pitching their wares as "green" even if they're not.

But the wide expectation is for ESG and socially responsible investing to maintain their strong momentum, if not keep accelerating. The world, after all, keeps pro-

viding more examples of how climate change is affecting companies' profits and losses.

Wildfires are burning some parts of the country, while heavy rains are flooding others. All the while, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to drag on the economy, and a dispiriting report on global warming released earlier this month had the United Nations declaring a "code red for humanity."

ESG investing often gets stereotyped as something primarily for millennials and younger investors, but experts say it's also attracting Baby Boomers. That's a big deal because they have the most money to invest. "It's now a mainstream theme," said Cameron Brandt, director of research at EPFR.

"The main risk to the current trend is that it's no longer this scrappy voice on the sidelines. It's now in the

arena, and I think it is going to be judged by more established criteria."

That includes the potential for higher fees. Measuring how a company performs on environmental issues, along with how it treats its workers and how rigorous its corporate-governance policies are takes research and work. And that can lead to higher expenses.

Interest has been strong enough in ESG investing that US SIF, a group that advocates for sustainable investing, recently updated its guide for investors hoping to get into it. It also offers a free course online for people wanting to learn the basics of sustainable investing.

That is something that's becoming more prevalent as the field expands.

Some funds pledge not to own stocks of any companies seen as dangerous or distasteful, for example. Others will try to own only companies that get the highest ratings from scorekeepers on environmental, social and corporate-governance issues.

Still others try to buy only companies that score the best within their specific industry, even if the score is very low overall. □

OPEC steadily adds back production as economy recovers

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— The OPEC oil producers' cartel and allied non-member countries led by Russia signed off Wednesday on gradually increasing production as the global

economy and demand for fuel continue to recover from the worst of the coronavirus pandemic.

The group fended off pressure from the U.S. to move faster in restoring produc-

tion cuts made during the pandemic and potentially ease costs at the pump for American drivers.

The group, known as OPEC+, agreed at an online meeting to stick with earlier plans to add back 400,000 barrels per day from Oct. 1. The cartel and its allies are gingerly restoring deep cuts made last year, when lockdowns and travel restrictions caused demand for fuel and prices to crater.

Prices fell ahead of the meeting but trimmed losses afterwards. Oil was off 0.4% at \$68.26 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while Brent crude, an international benchmark, traded down 0.4% at \$71.36 per barrel. Prices have recovered from a

slump to just above \$62 for New York Mercantile Exchange crude on Aug. 20. The OPEC+ decision tracks with a plan forged in July to add back 400,000 barrels a day each month until last year's cuts are restored next year. Key OPEC member Saudi Arabia has urged a cautious, step-by-step approach.

The group has started meeting monthly to keep close watch on the market and production levels amid uncertainty about whether the more contagious delta variant of the coronavirus will present further economic setbacks in different parts of the world.

Adding too much oil to the market could cause prices to slip, as they briefly did in August, while holding back

production costs members money for their state budgets.

The Biden administration has urged OPEC to increase production faster, saying that higher gasoline costs risk harming the ongoing global recovery.

The average U.S. price for a gallon of gas at the pump was \$3.17 on Wednesday, according to motoring federation AAA. That compares to \$2.32 per gallon a year ago.

The cost of crude oil accounts for about half the price of gasoline at the pump.

Analysts said gas prices might rise after refineries in the United States shut down during Hurricane Ida, but they so far have remained relatively steady. □



In this Friday March 6, 2020 file photo, people stand outside the headquarters of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC, in Vienna, Austria.

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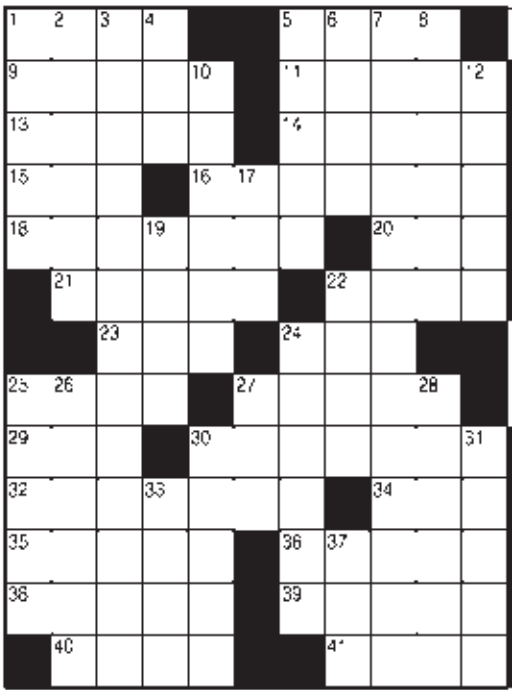
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Unsold 2021 Ram pickup trucks are parked on the storage lot outside a Ram dealership on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, in Littleton, Colo.

Associated Press

Survey: Owners frustrated when linking phones to vehicles

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Automobile quality rose last year, but glitches in pairing smartphones with infotainment systems frustrated owners more than anything, according to a large U.S. survey of auto owners. For the first time, a brand from Fiat Chrysler, now Stellantis, ranked No. 1 for having the fewest problems. Ram trucks finished first, followed by another company brand, Dodge, according to the annual survey by J.D. Power. Lexus, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Kia, Genesis, Hyundai, Jeep and Chevrolet rounded out the top 10 brands.

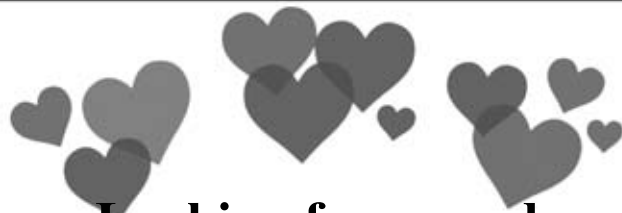
Smartphone connections, mainly linking Android Auto and Apple CarPlay to automobiles, was this year's top problem. It beat voice recognition as the survey's No. 1 gremlin for the first time since 2011.

Automakers have been trying to link phones to cars for more than a decade, yet the problem persists, said Dave Sargent, J.D. Power's vice president of automotive quality. Now it's the connection to make the Apple and Android systems show up on the vehicle screens, he said.

"People see that their

phone works fine by itself, but when they come to connect it to the vehicle, go through the Wi-Fi system, that's where the problems exist," Sargent said. Consumers quickly blame their vehicle, but tech companies are part of the problem and should share some of the burden in solving it, he said. About one-third of vehicles on the market in the U.S. have the ability to link to Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and the problem is pervasive with all manufacturers, Sargent said. Auto and tech companies point the

finger at each other, and the consumer is caught in the middle, Sargent said. Operator error isn't the problem because all the owners are doing is trying to connect, not use any of the features, he said. "I'm sure the industry will get it figured out, and in a couple years' time, it will work better," Sargent said. Mass market brands such as Ram continued to outperform luxury brands in the annual survey, largely because they don't have as much glitch-prone technology as the pricier vehicles, Sargent said. □



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Once green, prehistoric Arabia drew early humans from Africa

By CHRISTINA LARSON

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Huw Groucutt passes rolling sand dunes as far as his eye can see when traveling to archaeological sites in the northern Arabian Peninsula. But the same desert regions were once intermittently lush and green, attracting early humans and large animals such as hippopotamuses migrating out of Africa to linger at ancient lakes, new evidence suggests. Until a decade ago, the Arabian Peninsula was a blank spot on the map for scientists trying to reconstruct the story of early human evolution and movements out of Africa. Much more is known about early human settlements in the Levant region modern-day Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and parts of Syria where extensive archaeological research has been carried out for more than a century. □

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Social media's 70-up 'grandfluencers' debunking aging myths

By **LEANNE ITALIE**

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Joan MacDonald's health was in shambles at age 71. She was overweight and on numerous medications with high cholesterol, rising blood pressure and kidney trouble.

Her daughter, a fitness coach, warned that she'd wind up an invalid if she didn't turn things around. She did, hitting the gym for the first time and learning to balance her diet with the help of a brand new tool, an iPhone.

Now 75, MacDonald is a hype beast for health with a bodybuilder's physique and 1.4 million loyal followers on Instagram.

She's among a growing number of "grandfluencers," folks 70 and up who have amassed substantial followings on social media with the help of decades-younger fans.

"It's so rare to find someone her age being able to do all these things," said one of her admirers, 18-year-old Marianne Zapata of Larchmont, New York. "It's just such a positive thing to even think about."

Both aspirational and inspirational, older influencers are turning their digital platforms into gold.



Senior influencer Sandra Sallin, 80, poses for a portrait at home, Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, in Los Angeles.

MacDonald has paid partnerships with the sportswear and supplement brand Women's Best, and the stress-busting device Sensate. And she just launched her own health and fitness app not so many years after learning how to use digital technology herself.

On TikTok, four friends who go by @oldgays the youngest is 65 have 2.2 million followers, including Rihanna. They have an endorsement deal with Grindr as they delight fans with their clueless answers to pop culture questions.

Others focus on beauty and

style, setting up Amazon closets with their go-to looks and putting on makeup tutorials live. Lagetta Wayne, at 78, has teens asking her to be their grandmother as she tends to her vegetables and cooks them up in Suisun City, California, as @msgrandmasgarden on TikTok.

Wayne, with 130,500 followers amassed since joining in June 2020, owes her social media success to a teenage granddaughter. Her very first video, a garden tour, clocked 37,600 likes.

"One day my garden was very pretty and I got all

excited about that and I asked her if she would take some pictures of me," Wayne recalled. "She said she was going to put me on TikTok and I said, well, what is TikTok? I had never heard of it." Most people ages 50 and up use technology to stay connected to friends and family, according to a 2019 survey by AARP. But less than half use social media daily for that purpose, relying on Facebook above other platforms.

Just 37% of those 70 and older used social media daily in 2019, the research showed. Since coronavirus

struck, older creators have expanded their horizons beyond mainstay Facebook, often driven by the growing number of feeds by people their own age, said Alison Bryant, senior vice president for AARP.

In the California desert town of Cathedral City, Jessay Martin is the second youngest of the Old Gays at 68. "I thought I was going to spend the rest of my life relaxing pretty much, and I do, but this is picking up more for us. I had a very structured week where Monday I worked the food bank at the senior center, Tuesday and Friday I did yoga for an hour and a half, Wednesday I was on the front desk at the senior center.

"They're showing that anybody can do these things, that you don't have to be afraid of aging. The 20 and 30 somethings don't often think about that," Bryant said. "The authenticity that we're seeing in some of these older influencers is really refreshing. That's part of the complexity of their narratives. They're bringing other parts of their lives to it. They're grandparents and great-grandparents and spouses. They're more comfortable in their own skins." □

ABBA back after 40 years with new album, virtual stage show

By **The Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — ABBA is releasing its first new music in four decades, along with a concert performance

that will see the "Dancing Queen" quartet going entirely digital.

The forthcoming album "Voyage," to be released

Nov. 5, is a follow-up to 1981's "The Visitors," which until now had been the swan song of the Swedish supergroup. And a virtual version of the band will begin a series of concerts in London on May 27.

"We took a break in the spring of 1982 and now we've decided it's time to end it," ABBA said in a statement Thursday. "They say it's foolhardy to wait more than 40 years between albums, so we've recorded a follow-up to 'The Visitors.'"

The group has been creating the holographic live show, using motion capture and other techniques, with George Lucas' special-effects company, In-

dustrial Light & Magic.

They call it "the strangest and most spectacular concert you could ever dream of."

"We're going to be able to sit back in an audience and watch our digital selves perform our songs," the group's statement said. "Weird and wonderful!"

The planned show spurred the making of the album, which features the new songs "I Still Have Faith In You" and "Don't Shut Me Down." It began with sessions in 2018 and was delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.

The show will come 50 years after the founding of the group that consisted

of two married couples for most of its existence, and whose name is an acronym of the first names of its members, Agnetha Fältskog, 71, Björn Ulvaeus, 76, Benny Andersson, 74, and Anni-Frid Lyngstad, 75. Their music has remained ubiquitous in the decades since their breakup, in part because of the stage musical "Mamma Mia!" and the two films that followed it.

They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2010.

Last week the group launched a website with the title "ABBA Voyage," teasing the new announcement. Tickets go on sale Tuesday. □



Members of the pop group ABBA, from left, Benny Andersson, Agnetha Föltskog, Bjorn Ulvaeus and Anni-Frid Lyngstad, appear in Tokyo on March 14, 1980.

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Pirates in MLB's 1st minority lineup honored 50 years later

By **WILL GRAVES**

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — In the moment, it wasn't a big deal. Just another game in the middle of the week in the middle of a pennant race.

The best nine players available ran onto the field at Three Rivers Stadium for the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sept. 1, 1971.

The fact all nine — Rennie Stennett, Gene Clines, Roberto Clemente, Willie Stargell, Manny Sanguillen, Dave Cash, Al Oliver, Jackie Hernandez and Dock Ellis — were Black or of Latin descent didn't even really occur to them until afterward.

Oliver has always found it curious as to why it hasn't been celebrated the way Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in 1947 is. Yet in recent years, he's come to take it as a compliment of sorts, a nod to the color-blind approach Pirates manager Danny Murtaugh took to his job.

"We didn't take the field, you know, to make history," Oliver said Wednesday night while honoring the 50th anniversary of a 10-7 win over Philadelphia. "But as it turned out, it was history. And the thing that I feel great about it was that it proved the unity that we had on our team and proved that we had a manager that really (wasn't) concerned about race."



Al Oliver, Gene Clines, Manny Sanguillen, seated, and Dave Cash pose for a portrait during an event hosted by the Pittsburgh Pirates to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first all-minority lineup to take the field in Major League Baseball history, at the Heinz History Center, Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, in Pittsburgh.

Oliver, a seven-time All-Star during his 18-year career, figures the sea of black and brown faces with the gold 'P' on their caps was simply the byproduct of the way general manager Joe Brown went about constructing a team.

"(He said) 'What we did, we signed players because they can play, not the church they went to,'" said Oliver, who played first that night. "And every time I hear that quote, I've got to laugh because it's true. It doesn't matter what church you go to as long as you can play some ball."

Something that was never

an issue for the "Lumber Company" era in Pittsburgh. The victory over Philadelphia that night came during a torrid 18-5 stretch that allowed the Pirates to win the NL East. Pittsburgh went on to beat San Francisco in four games in the NL Championship Series before rallying from a two-game deficit to edge heavily favored Baltimore in the World Series.

"You could never underestimate what we thought we could do as a team, because we could beat anybody," Cash said. "Baltimore had beat everybody else, but they hadn't

beat us."

Not with Hall of Famers like Clemente in right field and Stargell in left and Oliver usually in between. It's telling that the only thing Oliver noticed about the lineup wasn't its racial makeup but his spot in it: seventh.

"I thought I was a pretty good hitter," Oliver, a .303 lifetime hitter, said with a laugh. "But when I looked at the card, I'm hitting seventh, and I said, 'Hey, this has to be a great team.'"

It was. While Oliver remembers the day being met with a shrug of sorts, over five decades it has taken on new meaning for the

grandfather of four.

"It is important to (my children and grandchildren) to know that their people were part of baseball history," he said. "I think that's the key. You know, that's something that can be passed down, something that cannot be taken away. And I just feel good that they are aware of that fact."

Even if it's a moment that may be difficult to replicate. The surviving members of the 1971 team believe it's more likely that a team fields an entirely all-Latin lineup before one featuring all Black and Latin players. Participation in baseball among Blacks has dropped across the board, and Black players currently make up less than 10% of Major League rosters.

"Afro-American kids have gravitated to basketball, they have gravitated to football," Oliver said. "And the reason why they've done that is that's all they really see on TV, on commercials, all the football players and the basketball players. But you really don't see a lot in baseball of baseball players doing commercials. And, you know, as an Afro-American individual, you have a tendency to do things that look like you."

It plays in stark contrast to how Oliver grew up in Ohio in the 1950s and 60s, when he idolized Jackie Robinson and Frank Robinson. □

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Roglic keeps Vuelta lead on last mountain test, López wins

ALTU D'EL GAMONITEIRU, Spain (AP) — Primož Roglic moved closer to clinching his third consecutive Spanish Vuelta title after increasing his lead on the final test in the high mountains on Thursday, while Miguel Ángel López won the demanding 18th stage.

López held off a late attack by Roglic to claim the 162-kilometer (100-mile) route that crested three mountain passes before a finish atop the beyond-category Altu d'El Gamoniteiru. It is the first time the

Spanish Grand Tour has included the grueling ascent with an average gradient of nearly 10% over 14.6 kilometers (9 miles). López broke away from the group of the hardest riders, including Roglic, with around 5 kilometers (3 miles) to go and overtook David de la Cruz in the fog that obscured the vision of the valleys below. Michael Storer was eyeing a third win at this Vuelta when he started the final ascent with a two-minute advantage. But he soon saw his advantage

crumble as the top riders picked up the pace on the grueling upward haul. López gave Movistar its first win at this year's race, finishing in 4 hours, 41 minutes, 21 seconds. Roglic dropped López's teammate Enric Mas and Egan Bernal of Ineos over the final meters to finish second, 14 seconds behind López.

Roglic, the Jumbo-Visma leader, added a few seconds to his lead in the general classification. Mas is his nearest chaser at 2:20 minutes behind with three



Miguel Ángel López from Colombia crosses the line to win the 18th stage between Salas and Alto de Gamoniteiro, during La Vuelta cycling race in Spain, Thursday Sept. 2, 2021.

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stages to go.

"It's nice (to be out of the mountains). We are all feeling the efforts from the last two days and the weeks

before," Roglic said. "I still think there are some super hard stages to come. Hopefully we can do our best and finish it off." □

No. 1 Barty, top U.S. Open women win easily after Ida delays

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NEW YORK (AP) — About the only problems No. 1 seed Ash Barty and other top players encountered Thursday afternoon at the U.S. Open came in the delays trying to get to Flushing Meadows in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida's remnants blowing through the Northeast a night earlier.

Barty, a two-time major champion including at Wimbledon in July, Tokyo Olympic gold medalist Belinda Bencic, double Wimbledon title winner Petra Kvitova and other seeded women including No. 14 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, No. 17 Maria Sakkari, No. 23 Jessica Pegula and No. 28 Anett Kontaveit all won in two sets to get to the third round.

Advancing in straight sets in men's play during the day session: Summer Games gold medalist and 2020 U.S. Open runner-up Alexander Zverev and No. 22 seed Reilly Opelka of the U.S.

The most-anticipated match on the schedule was to come at night, when No. 1 Novak Djokovic took his 22-match Grand Slam winning streak into Arthur Ashe Stadium against 121st-ranked Tallon Griekspoor of the Netherlands. Djokovic is



Ashleigh Barty, of Australia, returns a shot to Clara Tauson, of Denmark, during the second round of the US Open tennis championships, Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021.

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trying to complete the first calendar-year Grand Slam in men's tennis since Rod Laver in 1969 and is bidding to break the men's mark of 20 career major titles he shares with Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

With the sun out and nary a cloud around, play in second-round matches on the outer courts was pushed back from 11 a.m. to noon to allow the U.S. Tennis Association time to clean up downed tree branches and other scattered debris

and make sure everything was ready for competition on Day 4 of the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

Once all was ready to go, it was just a matter of players' transportation navigating traffic delays caused by road closures and vehicles that were abandoned overnight; a trip from Manhattan to Queens that normally might take 30-45 minutes took 1 1/2 hours or longer for some.

"We had to do a full assessment of the grounds

and making sure the courts were playable and that Hawk-Eye (electronic line-calling) would function," USTA spokesman Chris Widmaier said. He said that while the forecast called for heavy rain Wednesday night, New York police did not advise the USTA to cancel the evening session during a routine twice-daily briefing. Eventually, the National Weather Service office in New York declared flash flood emergencies in the region, subway sta-

tions and tracks became so flooded that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority suspended all service and New York City put in place a travel ban until 5 a.m. Thursday for all non-emergency vehicles.

"Trying to grasp what was happening here on-site was quite unbelievable, and I know that there has been a lot of flash flooding and a lot of people in trouble. Hopefully a lot of people from site got home safely, and New Yorkers in general were able to get home, because it was quite a wild storm. It did wreak some havoc; obviously there was a later start today, I think, because of, obviously, the damage to the site," Barty said.

"It took us a while to get in this morning, but we kind of allowed for that time," she added, "expecting there would be a little bit more of an issue than just a normal commute coming in."

She delivered 11 aces and accumulated 19 break points, converting five, on the way to a 6-1, 7-5 win against 18-year-old Tauson of Denmark.

The only seeded woman to exit in the afternoon was No. 24 Paula Badosa, who was eliminated by Varvara Gracheva 6-4, 6-4. □



In this Jan. 3, 2021, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles Jalen Hurts wears a Black Lives Matter decal on the back of his helmet during the team's NFL football game against the Washington Football Team in Philadelphia.

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NFL players can wear social justice messages on their helmets again this season and "It Takes All

of Us" and "End Racism" will be stenciled in end zones for the second straight year as part of the league's Inspire Change platform.

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NFL returns social justice helmet decals, end zone stencils

The league will also bring back the "Say Their Stories" initiative and for the first time, each team will highlight its social justice work during a regular-season home game in Weeks 17 and 18. "We are committed to Inspire Change and the social justice work that inspires change for the long-term," Anna Isaacson, NFL senior vice president of social responsibility, told The Associated Press. The six messages players can choose from as part of the helmet decal program are: "End Racism," "Stop Hate," "It Takes All of Us," "Black Lives Matter," "Inspire Change"

and "Say Their Stories." The end zone stencils will be placed on field for all clubs in all home games, except when another cause is being recognized. For example, during a club's Salute to Service game, "End Racism" will be replaced with "Salute To Service" in one end zone and "It Takes All of Us" will remain on the opposite side. This year's "Say Their Stories" features will again be voiced by NFL players but will evolve to include social justice heroes who have been personally identified by players for their impact in this area, particularly those from their local com-

munities. For the final two weeks of the regular season, all clubs will receive the relevant banners, goal post wraps, stencils, helmet decals and video board graphics. The elements will continue to be featured during playoff games.

"That will provide a unified time frame for us to further amplify all of the work that our clubs are doing and that will lead into the playoffs where Inspire Change will continue to take center stage," Isaacson said. "The key message for us as the season is starting, we are ramping up again in a big way with our social justice work." □